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For: SEAT BELT DEVICE FOR)	
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Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a translation or English Abstract of DE 199 61 799, enclosed is an English-language European Search Report, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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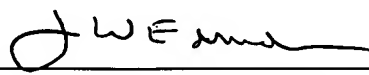
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